

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments.

The Specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to related applications PCT/US2004/012045, international filing date of April 16, 2004, and U.S.S.N. 60/463,826 filed April 18, 2003.

Claims 1, 4, 9, 11, 13, 17 and 19 have been amended. Claims 2, 6, 10, 12 and 18 have been canceled without prejudice. No new matter is added.

Applicants assert all claims are in condition for allowance and a favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be of value, he is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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